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Editor's Letter

I am publishing information from unpublished work LATTIMORE written about 1970-1972 found in Ogreta W. Huttash's Archives at Jacksonville Public Library call number 929.3764 Hu 244. Mrs. Huttash based this on Dan P. Lattimore's information in about 1972. Mr. Lattimore's address on March 12, 1972 was 613 S. Prospect 2B-103, Redondo Beach, CA 90277. Mrs. Huttash prepared this file for Jacksonville residents Margia K. Hamlin and her mother, Mrs. Minnie Pearl Lattimore Childs. I have transcribed some of the information from this file into a 7 generation descendants chart of John Lattimore born about 1720. This chart begins on page 75.

Margery Ruth Glidewell has submitted ancestry charts and a family group sheet on the Gordon and Morris Families beginning on page 86. This was in response to my letter to her asking permission to publish her letter to Ogreta W. Huttash found in Mrs. Huttash's archive in the Jacksonville Public Library. Ms. Glidewell gave her permission and her letter dated November 3, 1993 to Mrs. Huttash is printed on page 90. Mrs. Huttash's reply and research begins on page 91.

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Gordon Bennett
Editor

Descendants of John Lattimore

1. **JOHN₁ LATTIMORE** was born in 1720 in Virginia, United States. He died in 1761 in Prince William, Virginia, United States. He married Isabel Frazier (daughter of Daniel Frazier and Margaret Dawson) in 1742 in Prince William, Virginia, United States. She was born in 1724 in Rutherford, North Carolina, United States. She died in 1760 in Prince William, Virginia, United States.

John Lattimore and Isabel Frazier had the following children:

2. i. **JOHN₂ LATTIMORE** (son of John Lattimore and Isabel Frazier) was born about 1740 in Albemarle Co., Virginia. He died on 12 Mar 1821 in Rutherford Co. NC. He married Jemimia Stockton (daughter of Thomas Stockton and Rachel Arnold) about 1765 in Albemarle Co., Virginia. She was born about 1745 in Albemarle Co., Virginia.
- ii. **LETTIE LATTIMORE** (daughter of John Lattimore and Isabel Frazier) was born in 1754 in Prince William, Virginia, United States. She died in 1761 in Prince William, Virginia, United States.
- iii. **DANIEL LATTIMORE** (son of John Lattimore and Isabel Frazier) was born in 1750 in Virginia, United States. He died on 12 Feb 1831 in Kent, Jefferson, Indiana, United States.
- iv. **SARAH LATTIMORE** (daughter of John Lattimore and Isabel Frazier) was born in 1750 in Unknowprince William, Virginia, United States. She died in 1805 in Barren, Kentucky, United States.
- v. **FRANCIS LATTIMORE** (son of John Lattimore and Isabel Frazier) was born in 1744 in Prince William, Virginia, United States. He died on 09 May 1817 in Barren, Kentucky, United States.
- vi. **MARGARET LATTIMORE** (daughter of John Lattimore and Isabel Frazier).
- vii. **RACHEL LATTIMORE** (daughter of John Lattimore and Isabel Frazier).

Generation 2

2. **JOHN₂ LATTIMORE** (John₁) was born about 1740 in Albemarle Co., Virginia. He died on 12 Mar 1821 in Rutherford Co. NC. He married Jemimia Stockton (daughter of Thomas Stockton and Rachel Arnold) about 1765 in Albemarle Co., Virginia. She was born about 1745 in Albemarle Co., Virginia.

Notes for John Lattimore:

Buried Littimore Cem, Polkville (now in Cleveland Co. NC).

Fought in Revolutionary War as Captain North Carolina Militia according to History of Old Tryon And Rutherford Counties North Carolina 1730-1936 by Clarence W. Griffith.

Notes for Jemimia Stockton:

Name is also shown as Jemima

John Lattimore and Jemimia Stockton had the following children:

3. i. **JOHN₃ LATTIMORE** (son of John Lattimore and Jemimia Stockton) was born in 1774 in Pinckney Dist., SC. He died on 18 Jun 1833 in McMinn Co., Tenn.. He married **SUSAN CARPENTER**. She was born in 1776. She died on 08 Jul 1852 in McMinn Co., Tenn..

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- ii. TOM LATTIMORE (son of John Lattimore and Jemimia Stockton).
- iii. DANIEL LATTIMORE (son of John Lattimore and Jemimia Stockton) was born in 1775 in Pinckney Dist., SC. He died on 13 Dec 1833 in Cleveland, North Carolina, United Pinckney States. He married Sarah Carpenter on 03 Nov 1796 in Rutherford, North Carolina, United States. She was born in 1772 in Rutherford, North Carolina, United States. She died on 19 Feb 1848 in Polkville, Cleveland, North Carolina, United States.
- iv. RACHEL LATTIMORE (daughter of John Lattimore and Jemimia Stockton). She married John Hoyles on 09 Jan 1798.
- v. FRANCIS LATTIMORE (son of John Lattimore and Jemimia Stockton).

Generation 3

3. **JOHN₃ LATTIMORE** (John₂, John₁) was born in 1774 in Pinckney Dist., SC. He died on 18 Jun 1833 in McMinn Co., Tenn.. He married **SUSAN CARPENTER**. She was born in 1776. She died on 08 Jul 1852 in McMinn Co., Tenn..

John Lattimore and Susan Carpenter had the following children:

- 5. i. **JOHN₄ LATTIMORE** (son of John Lattimore and Susan Carpenter) was born in 1814 in Cleveland co. NC. He died in Feb 1870 in Cherokee CO., TX. He married Elizabeth Stripling on 09 Aug 1836 in Calhoun, Alabama. She was born about 1815 in Morgan County, Georgia. She died in 1872 in Cherokee, Texas, United States.
- ii. FRANCIS LATTIMORE (son of John Lattimore and Susan Carpenter) was born on 15 Jun 1800 in Rutherford Co. NC. He married CATHERINE LATTIMORE.
- iii. SAMUEL LATTIMORE (son of John Lattimore and Susan Carpenter) was born in Rutherford Co. NC. He married NANCY STARR.
- iv. CATHERINE LATTIMORE (daughter of John Lattimore and Susan Carpenter). She married SAMUEL THOMPSON.
- 6. v. DANIELWEBSTER LATTIMORE (son of John Lattimore and Susan Carpenter) was born on 13 Jan 1812 in Rutherford Co. NC. He married MARG. MCCALL. He married REBECCA E. HOWARD. She was born in 1822 in Tennessee.
- vi. JEMIMA LATTIMORE (daughter of John Lattimore and Susan Carpenter). She married ALFRED THOMPSON.
- vii. RACHEL LATTIMORE (daughter of John Lattimore and Susan Carpenter). She married George W. Queener on 01 Jan 1839.
- viii. THOMAS LATTIMORE (son of John Lattimore and Susan Carpenter) was born on 18 Jun 1818 in Rutherford Co. NC. He died on 27 Oct 1890. He married ELIZABETH STRIPLING. He married (2) ELIZABETH QUEENER on 02 Jan 1840.
- ix. JOSEPH LATTIMORE (son of John Lattimore and Susan Carpenter) was born in 1822 in Rutherford Co. NC. He died on 02 Jan 1895.

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Generation 3 (con't)

- x. SARAH LATTIMORE (daughter of John Lattimore and Susan Carpenter) was born in 1820 in Rutherford Co. NC. She married WILLIAM FIRESTONE.
 - xi. SUSAN CAROLINE LATTIMORE (daughter of John Lattimore and Susan Carpenter). She married JOSEPH COBB. He was born in Rutherford Co. NC.
4. **DANIEL³ LATTIMORE** (John², John¹) was born in 1775 in Pinckney Dist., SC. He died on 13 Dec 1833 in Cleveland, North Carolina, United States. He married Sarah Carpenter on 03 Nov 1796 in Rutherford, North Carolina, United States. She was born in 1772 in Rutherford, North Carolina, United States. She died on 19 Feb 1848 in Polkville, Cleveland, North Carolina, United States.

Daniel Lattimore and Sarah Carpenter had the following children:

- 7. i. **DANIEL D.⁴ LATTIMORE** (son of Daniel Lattimore and Sarah Carpenter) was born on 10 Aug 1818 in Polkville, Cleveland, North Carolina, USA. He died on 27 Feb 1904 in Polkville, Cleveland, North Carolina, USA. He married MARY FORBES. She was born on 16 Feb 1826 in North Carolina. She died on 10 Apr 1882.
- ii. CATHERINE LATTIMORE (daughter of Daniel Lattimore and Sarah Carpenter) was born in 1800 in Rutherford, North Carolina, United States. She died on 08 Jan 1844.

Generation 4

5. **JOHN⁴ LATTIMORE** (John³, John², John¹) was born in 1814 in Cleveland co. NC. He died in Feb 1870 in Cherokee CO., TX. He married Elizabeth Stripling on 09 Aug 1836 in Calhoun, Alabama. She was born about 1815 in Morgan County, Georgia. She died in 1872 in Cherokee, Texas, United States.

John Lattimore and Elizabeth Stripling had the following children:

- 8. i. **JOHN HUNTER⁵ LATTIMORE** (son of John Lattimore and Elizabeth Stripling) was born on 07 Jan 1843 in Randolph County, Alabama, USA. He died on 04 Jul 1917 in Louisiana, USA. He married NELLIE CATHERINE KNIGHT. She was born on 18 Dec 1846 in Choctaw County, Mississippi, USA. She died on 30 Nov 1911 in Jacksonville, Cherokee, Texas, United States.
- 9. ii. **BENJAMIN DANIEL LATTIMORE** (son of John Lattimore and Elizabeth Stripling) was born on 03 Jan 1839. He died on 21 Apr 1891 in Jacksonville, Cherokee, Texas, United States. He married Elizabeth C. Waller (daughter of Levin Waller) on 30 Dec 1860 in Cherokee CO., TX. She was born on 05 Nov 1840 in Pike County, Alabama.
- iii. **SUSAN E. LATTIMORE** (daughter of John Lattimore and Elizabeth Stripling). She married FRANCIS M. WILLIAMS.
- vii. **JAMES P. LATTIMORE** (son of John Lattimore and Elizabeth Stripling) was born in 1854.

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9. iv. MARGARET LOUISE LATTIMORE (daughter of John Lattimore and Elizabeth Strip ling) was born on 28 Sep 1846 in Talladega, Clay, Alabama. She died on 22 Aug 1922 in Walnut Springs, Bosque, Texas. She married (1) GEORGE WASHINGTON TIPTON on 16 Aug 1870. He was born in 1842 in Walker Co, Georgia. He died in 1871 in , Bosque, Texas. She married (2) ALFRED COLE PEARCE on 11 Aug 1872 in Meridian, Bosque, Texas. He was born on 11 Sep 1823 in Leef, Madison, Illinois. He died on 03 Nov 1878 in Jackson Crossing, Bosque, Texas. She married (3) JUDSON CARY JACKSON on 28 Sep 1879 in , Bosque, Texas. He was born in Dec 1849 in Taliaferro, Georgia. He died in 1910 in Jacksons Crossing, Bosque, Texas.
- v. MARY FRANCIS LATTIMORE (daughter of John Lattimore and Elizabeth Stripling) was born in 1848 in Alabama.
- Notes for Mary Francis Lattimore:
In Bosque Co., Texas in 1880 when John Lattimore estate was settled.
- vi. MARTHA A. LATTIMORE (child of John Lattimore and Elizabeth Stripling) was born in 1849.
- vii. JAMES P. LATTIMORE (son of John Lattimore and Elizabeth Stripling) was born in 1854.
11. viii. SAMUEL JEREMIAH LATTIMORE (son of John Lattimore and Elizabeth Stripling) was born on 21 Sep 1856 in Randolph County, Alabama. He died on 19 Jun 1927 in Jacksonville, Cherokee County, Texas. He married (1) MARY "MOLLIE" J. SHERMAN on 30 Jan 1880 in Cherokee County, Texas. She was born in Mar 1862 in Randolph County, Alabama. She died on 09 Jan 1903 in Cherokee County, Texas. He married ANGIE ALABAMA HARDY. She was born about 1870 in Texas.
- ix. HELEN HETTIE LATTIMORE (daughter of John Lattimore and Elizabeth Stripling) was born in 1859.
6. **DANIEL WEBSTER⁴ LATTIMORE** (John³, John², John¹) was born on 13 Jan 1812 in Rutherford Co. NC. He married **MARG. MCCALL**. He married **REBECCA E. HOWARD**. She was born in 1822 in Tennessee.
- Daniel Webster Lattimore and Rebecca E. Howard had the following child:
- i. SUE M.⁵LATIMORE (daughter of Daniel Webster Lattimore and Rebecca E. Howard) was born in 1866 in Tennessee.
7. **DANIEL D.⁴ LATTIMORE** (Daniel³, John², John¹) was born on 10 Aug 1818 in Polkville, Cleveland, North Carolina, USA. He died on 27 Feb 1904 in Polkville, Cleveland, North Carolina, USA. He married **MARY FORBES**. She was born on 16 Feb 1826 in North Carolina. She died on 10 Apr 1882.
- Daniel D. Lattimore and Mary Forbes had the following child:
12. i. CHARLIE B⁵LATTIMORE (son of Daniel D. Lattimore and Mary Forbes) was born on 08 Dec 1848 in Polkville, Cleveland, North Carolina, USA. He died on 05 Jan 1935 in Polkville, Cleveland, North Carolina, USA. He married MARTHA JANE JACKSON. She was born on 21 Mar 1847 in Clover, South Carolina. She died on 02 Mar 1928 in Polkville, Cleveland, North Carolina, USA.

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Generation 5

8. **JOHN HUNTER⁵ LATTIMORE** (John⁴, John³, John², John¹) was born on 07 Jan 1843 in Randolph County, Alabama, USA. He died on 04 Jul 1917 in Louisiana, USA. He married **NELLIE CATHERINE KNIGHT**. She was born on 18 Dec 1846 in Choctaw County, Mississippi, USA. She died on 30 Nov 1911 in Jacksonville, Cherokee, Texas, United States.

Notes for John Hunter Lattimore:
J. H. Lattimore Dead

News was received here Wednesday night, of the death of Mr. J. H. Lattimore, which occurred at the home of his daughter, Mrs. S.C. Burgess, at Rose Pine, La.

The body will be brought to Jacksonville on the early I. & G. N. train this morning, and funeral services will be held at the Methodist church this afternoon at 4:30, followed by interment with Masonic honors in the city cemetery.

Mr. Lattimore had been in very bad health for several years, and about a month ago went to Louisiana on a visit. Soon after his arrival there he grew worse, and his death was not unexpected.

He was 76 years old on the 9th of last January.' His wife passed away several years ago, and he is survived by six children, as follows: Mrs. S.C. Burgess of Rose Pine, La.; Mrs. De Witt Ragsdale. Of Neches; Mrs. C. A. Childs of Jacksonville; Jno. Lattimore of Wolfe City; Jim Lattimore .of Beaumont; Cal Lattimore of Jacksonville. Served in Co. B, 17 Texas Cavalry? Deceased was born in Alabama, but came to Texas in his early-manhood, and had resided in and near Jacksonville for more than half a century. He served as justice of the peace here through justice peace through several terms, and was held in highest regard by our people.

Notes for Nellie Catherine Knight:
December 8, 1911

Roy Lattimore was down from Tyler College Saturday to attend the funeral of Mrs. J.H. Lattimore.

John Hunter Lattimore and Nellie Catherine Knight had the following children:

- i. **SALLIE O.⁶ LATTIMORE** (daughter of John Hunter Lattimore and Nellie Catherine Knight) was born in 1867 in Tx.
- ii. **MOLLIE F. LATTIMORE** (daughter of John Hunter Lattimore and Nellie Catherine Knight) was born in 1871 in Tx..
- iii. **SAM. L. LATTIMORE** (son of John Hunter Lattimore and Nellie Catherine Knight) was born about 1879 in Texas.
- iv. **JOHN EDWARD LATTIMORE** (son of John Hunter Lattimore and Nellie Catherine Knight) was born on 23 Sep 1877 in Jacksonville, Cherokee, Texas, United States. He died on 04 Feb 1947 in Dallas County, Texas, USA. He married **MOTIE POOLE**.
- v. **MATTIE S. LATTIMORE** (daughter of John Hunter Lattimore and Nellie Catherine Knight) was born about 1875 in Texas.
- vi. **CHARLIE E. LATTIMORE** (child of John Hunter Lattimore and Nellie Catherine Knight) was born about 1873 in Texas.

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- vii. LUCY E. LATTIMORE (daughter of John Hunter Lattimore and Nellie Catherine Knight) was born about 1869 in Texas.
- 13. viii. MINNIE PEARL LATTIMORE (daughter of John Hunter Lattimore and Nellie Catherine Knight) was born on 22 Aug 1884 in Jacksonville, Cherokee, Texas, USA. She died in Jacksonville, Cherokee, Texas, USA. She married CARTER ALVIN CHILDS. He was born on 03 Jul 1882.
- 9. BENJAMIN DANIEL⁵ LATTIMORE (John⁴, John³, John², John¹) was born on 03 Jan 1839. He died on 21 Apr 1891 in Jacksonville, Cherokee, Texas, United States. He married Elizabeth C. Waller (daughter of Levin Waller) on 30 Dec 1860 in Cherokee CO., TX. She was born on 05 Nov 1840 in Pike County, Alabama.

Benjamin Daniel Lattimore and Elizabeth C. Waller had the following children:

- i. BENJAMIN E OLIVER⁶ LATTIMORE (son of Benjamin Daniel Lattimore and Elizabeth C. Waller) was born on 30 Nov 1861 in Cherokee County, Texas, USA.
- ii. ALICE EUDORA LATTIMORE (daughter of Benjamin Daniel Lattimore and Elizabeth C. Waller) was born on 21 Jul 1864 in Cherokee County, Texas, USA.
- iii. WILLIAM OSCAR LATTIMORE (son of Benjamin Daniel Lattimore and Elizabeth C. Waller) was born on 30 Sep 1867 in Cherokee County, Texas, USA.
- iv. SUSAN ELIZABETH LATTIMORE (daughter of Benjamin Daniel Lattimore and Elizabeth C. Waller) was born on 18 Aug 1871 in Cherokee County, Texas, USA.
- v. JOHN THOMAS LATTIMORE (son of Benjamin Daniel Lattimore and Elizabeth C. Waller) was born on 28 Sep 1874 in Cherokee County, Texas USA.
- vi. BULAH LEE LATTIMORE (daughter of Benjamin Daniel Lattimore and Elizabeth C. Waller) was born on 30 Nov 1876 in Cherokee County, Texas USA.
- vii. CLAUDAMAY LATTIMORE (daughter of Benjamin Daniel Lattimore and Elizabeth C. Waller) was born on 08 May 1881 in Cherokee County, Texas USA.
- viii. MAGGIE LATTIMORE (daughter of Benjamin Daniel Lattimore and Elizabeth C. Waller) was born on 27 Dec 1883 in Cherokee County, Texas USA.
- 10. **MARGARET LOUISE⁵ LATTIMORE** (John⁴, John³, John², John¹) was born on 28 Sep 1846 in Talladega, Clay, Alabama. She died on 22 Aug 1922 in Walnut Springs, Bosque, Texas. She married (1) **GEORGE WASHINGTON TIPTON** on 16 Aug 1870. He was born in 1842 in Walker Co Georgia. He died in 1871 in , Bosque, Texas. She married (2) **ALFRED COLE PEARCE** on 11 Aug 1872 in Meridian, Bosque, Texas. He was born on 11 Sep 1823 in Leef, Madison, Illinois. He died on 03 Nov 1878 in Jackson Crossing, Bosque, Texas. She married (3) **JUDSON CARY JACKSON** on 28 Sep 1879 in , Bosque, Texas. He was born in Dec 1849 in , Taliaferro, Georgia. He died in 1910 in Jacksons Crossing, Bosque, Texas.

George Washington Tipton and Margaret Louise Lattimore had the following children:

- i. CORDELIA⁶ TIPTON (daughter of George Washington Tipton and Margaret Louise Lattimore) was born in 1868. She died in 1930.

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- ii. ii. EVALINE TIPTON (daughter of George Washington Tipton and Margaret Louise Lattimore) was born in 1866. She died in 1922.
- iii. ANGELINE TIPTON (daughter of George Washington Tipton and Margaret Louise Lattimore) was born on 31 Jul 1861. She died on 20 Apr 1943.
- iv. GEORGE L TIPTON (son of George Washington Tipton and Margaret Louise Lattimore) was born in Jul 1878 in Texas.
- v. GEORGIA HELEN TIPTON (daughter of George Washington Tipton and Margaret Louise Lattimore) was born in 1871 in Cherokee, Texas.

Alfred Cole Pearce and Margaret Louise Lattimore had the following children:

- i. ALFRED COLE⁶ PEARCE (son of Alfred Cole Pearce and Margaret Louise Lattimore) was born on 05 Jan 1878 in , Bosque, Texas. He died on 05 Feb 1945 in Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California.
- ii. MAUD ADNER PEARCE (daughter of Alfred Cole Pearce and Margaret Louise Lattimore) was born on 07 Nov 1876 in Texas. She died in 1963 in Waco, McLennan, Texas.
- iii. FANNIE MAY PEARCE (daughter of Alfred Cole Pearce and Margaret Louise Lattimore) was born on 08 Oct 1873 in Walnut Springs, Bosque, Texas. She died on 10 Jan 1940 in Walnut Springs, Bosque, Texas.

Judson Cary Jackson and Margaret Louise Lattimore had the following children:

- i. CLAUDE⁶ JACKSON (son of Judson Cary Jackson and Margaret Louise Lattimore) was born in 1885. He died in 1892.
- ii. JUDSON ROY JACKSON (son of Judson Cary Jackson and Margaret Louise Lattimore) was born in 1881 in Walnut Springs, Bosque, Texas. He died in 1968.
- iii. MARGARET JACKSON (daughter of Judson Cary Jackson and Margaret Louise Lattimore).

11. **SAMUEL JEREMIAH⁵ LATTIMORE** (John⁴, John³, John², John¹) was born on 21 Sep 1856 in Randolph County, Alabama. He died on 19 Jun 1927 in Jacksonville, Cherokee County, Texas. He married (1) **MARY "MOLLIE" J. SHERMAN** on 30 Jan 1880 in Cherokee County, Texas. She was born in Mar 1862 in Randolph County, Alabama. She died on 09 Jan 1903 in Cherokee County, Texas. He married **ANGIE ALABAMA HARDY**. She was born about 1870 in Texas.

Samuel Jeremiah Lattimore and Mary "Mollie" J. Sherman had the following children:

- i. DANIEL L⁶ LATTIMORE (son of Samuel Jeremiah Lattimore and Mary "Mollie" J. Sherman) was born in Aug 1881 in Texas. He died on 21 Feb 1905.
- ii. JOHN C LATTIMORE (son of Samuel Jeremiah Lattimore and Mary "Mollie" J. Sherman) was born in Sep 1883 in Texas. He died on 21 Feb 1905.
- iii. SAMUEL D LATTIMORE (son of Samuel Jeremiah Lattimore and Mary "Mollie" J. Sherman) was born on 03 Apr 1889 in Texas. He died on 31 Aug 1956.
- iv. WILLIAM ROY LATTIMORE (son of Samuel Jeremiah Lattimore and Mary "Mollie" J. Sherman) was born in Jun 1892 in Texas.

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- 14. v. LLOYD LATTIMORE (son of Samuel Jeremiah Lattimore and Mary "Mollie" J. Sherman) was born in 1894 in Texas. He married DODIE FULTON.
- vi. LOUIE L LATTIMORE (son of Samuel Jeremiah Lattimore and Mary "Mollie" J. Sherman) was born in Oct 1894 in Texas.
- vii. MABEL LATTIMORE (daughter of Samuel Jeremiah Lattimore and Mary "Mollie" J. Sherman) was born about 1899 in Texas. She married HOMER A. WHITE.
- viii. MAURINE LATTIMORE (daughter of Samuel Jeremiah Lattimore and Mary "Mollie" J. Sherman) was born about 1901 in Texas. She married ROBERT PRESCOTT.
- ix. MARY LATTIMORE (daughter of Samuel Jeremiah Lattimore and Mary "Mollie" J. Sherman) was born about 1903 in Texas. She married W. W. WARREN.

Samuel Jeremiah Lattimore and Angie Alabama Hardy had the following children:

- x. HARDY STOKES LATTIMORE (son of Samuel Jeremiah Lattimore and Angie Alabama Hardy).
 - xi. LURLINE LATTIMORE (daughter of Samuel Jeremiah Lattimore and Angie Alabama Hardy) was born in 1911 in Texas. She married ?WHITWORTH.
12. **CHARLIE B₅ LATTIMORE** (Daniel D.₄, Daniel₃, John₂, John₁) was born on 08 Dec 1848 in Polkville, Cleveland, North Carolina, USA. He died on 05 Jan 1935 in Polkville, Cleveland, North Carolina, USA. He married **MARTHA JANE JACKSON**. She was born on 21 Mar 1847 in Clover, South Carolina. She died on 02 Mar 1928 in Polkville, Cleveland, North Carolina, USA.

Charlie B Lattimore and Martha Jane Jackson had the following child:

- 15. i. MAMIE NIXON₆ LATTIMORE (daughter of Charlie B Lattimore and Martha Jane Jackson) was born on 12 Oct 1875 in Polkville, Cleveland, North Carolina, USA. She died on 21 Dec 1954 in Polkville, Cleveland, North Carolina, USA. She married Charlie C. Whisnant on 22 Aug 1892 in Polkville, Cleveland, North Carolina, USA. He was born on 14 Aug 1873. He died on 27 Aug 1955.

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13. **MINNIE PEARL₆ LATTIMORE** (John Hunter₅, John₄, John₃, John₂, John₁) was born on 22 Aug 1884 in Jacksonville, Cherokee, Texas, USA. She died in Jacksonville, Cherokee, Texas, USA. She married **CARTER ALVIN CHILDS**. He was born on 03 Jul 1882.

Carter Alvin Childs and Minnie Pearl Lattimore had the following children:

- i. MARGIA KATHLEEN₇ CHILDS (daughter of Carter Alvin Childs and Minnie Pearl Lattimore) was born on 22 Jun 1903 in Jacksonville, Cherokee, Texas, United States. She died in Dec 1976 in Jacksonville, Cherokee, Texas, United States of America. She married Harold Homan Hamlin on 14 Feb 1942 in Jacksonville, Cherokee, Texas, United States.
- 16. ii. ROBERT RINFRED CHILDS (son of Carter Alvin Childs and Minnie Pearl Lattimore) was born on 24 Mar 1905. He died on 09 Nov 1982 in Jacksonville, Cherokee, Texas, United States of America. He married NOLA TRAVIS.
- iii. WILLIE CHILDS (son of Carter Alvin Childs and Minnie Pearl Lattimore) was born about 1908 in Texas.

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- iv. JANIE CHILDS (daughter of Carter Alvin Childs and Minnie Pearl Lattimore) was born in 1913 in Texas.
14. **LLOYD⁶LATTIMORE** (Samuel Jeremiah⁵, John⁴, John³, John², John¹) was born in 1894 in Texas. He married **DODIE FULTON**.

Lloyd Lattimore and Dodie Fulton had the following child:

- i. KENNETH⁷LATTIMORE (son of Lloyd Lattimore and Dodie Fulton).
15. **MAMIE NIXON⁶LATTIMORE** (Charlie B⁵, Daniel D.⁴, Daniel³, John², John¹) was born on 12 Oct 1875 in Polkville, Cleveland, North Carolina, USA. She died on 21 Dec 1954 in Polkville, Cleveland, North Carolina, USA. She married Charlie C. Whisnant on 22 Aug 1892 in Polkville, Cleveland, North Carolina, USA. He was born on 14 Aug 1873. He died on 27 Aug 1955.

Charlie C. Whisnant and Mamie Nixon Lattimore had the following child:

17. i. NIXON LATTIMORE⁷WHISNANT (son of Charlie C. Whisnant and Mamie Nixon Lattimore) was born on 20 May 1893 in Polkville, Cleveland, North Carolina, USA. He married Ida Mae Philbeck on 27 Jun 1915. She was born on 21 May 1891 in Polkville, Cleveland, North Carolina, USA.

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16. **ROBERT RINFRED⁷CHILDS** (Minnie Pearl⁶Lattimore, John Hunter⁵Lattimore, John⁴Lattimore, John³Lattimore, John²Lattimore, John¹Lattimore) was born on 24 Mar 1905. He died on 09 Nov 1982 in Jacksonville, Cherokee, Texas, United States of America. He married **NOLA TRAVIS**.

Robert Rinfred Childs and Nola Travis had the following children:

- i. ROBERT R.⁸CHILDS (son of Robert Rinfred Childs and Nola Travis).
- ii. BILL CHILDS (son of Robert Rinfred Childs and Nola Travis).
17. **NIXON LATTIMORE⁷WHISNANT** (Mamie Nixon⁶Lattimore, Charlie B⁵Lattimore, Daniel D.⁴Lattimore, Daniel³Lattimore, John²Lattimore, John¹Lattimore) was born on 20 May 1893 in Polkville, Cleveland, North Carolina, USA. He married Ida Mae Philbeck on 27 Jun 1915. She was born on 21 May 1891 in Polkville, Cleveland, North Carolina, USA.

Nixon Lattimore Whisnant and Ida Mae Philbeck had the following child:

- i. BUENA V.⁸WHISNANT (daughter of Nixon Lattimore Whisnant and Ida Mae Philbeck) was born on 30 Jul 1917 in Polkville, Cleveland, North Carolina, USA. She married Robert Ile Leslie on 12 Aug 1948 in North Brookfield, Worcester, Massachusetts, USA. He was born on 27 Apr 1913.

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JOHN HUNTER LATTIMORE

J. H. LATTIMORE, Jacksonville, Texas.-Born in Randolph County, Ala. Enlisted in the Confederate Army March 15, 1862, as private in Company D, Seventeenth Texas Dismounted Cavalry, Granbury's Brigade, Pat Cleburne's Division, Hardee's Corps, Army of Tennessee. W. R. Campbell first Captain and Moore first Colonel. Was taken prisoner at Arkansas Post on the 11th day of January, 1863, and sent to Camp Douglas, Chicago, Ill., and was exchanged about the 25th day of May of the same year.

Was in the battles of Arkansas Post, Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, Ringgold Gap, and a number of skirmishes. After the organization of the company we went to Little Rock, Ark., and were dismounted and our horses sent home. We were then placed in Churchill's Division, Hindman's Corps and sent to Arkansas Post and on the 11th day of January, 1863, after about five or six hours of hard fighting we were forced to surrender. They (the Federals) had about 50,000 men and we had about 8,000 and we killed and wounded more than we had in our command. We were carried to Camp Douglas, Chicago, and exchanged about the 25th of May, 1863. and placed in the Army of Tennessee. On Sept. 19-20, 1863, was in the battle of Chickamauga. We repulsed the enemy and they were forced to retreat to Chattanooga, Tenn. After this we went into winter quarters at Missionary Ridge, where the enemy attacked us and we were forced to retreat to Tunnel Hill, Ga. I was not in the campaign from Dalton to Atlanta on account of sickness. Was in the battle of Ringgold, Ga., in December, '63, in which Gen. Cleburne's Division held the Federal Army in check until our army could get out. I was in a very hard fight at Salisbury, N.C. I surrendered at Greensboro, N.C. with the regular army, April 26, 1865.

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July 20, 2012
Moses Lake, WA

Dear Mr. Bennett,

Please feel free to use any of the material that you want to. I just wish that I had found more but I and several other family researchers have not been able to trace either the Gordon or the Morris lines. I spoke to Judy Henley Phillips and received her permission to share some of her research.

George A. Gordon was Justice of the Peace in Cherokee Co. and court records show that he served in the army during the Civil War. I have not found a record of that service in Texas. There was a George A. Gordon who served in Louisiana but whether it was our George, I do not know. I thought perhaps it was because he had in-laws there.

Until very recently, we all thought that Moses Morris was the father of Wilson Morris but one of the descendants went to the courthouse at Natchitoches, LA and found a power of attorney from Cynthia to her son Benjamin giving him authority to procure her portion of the estate of her father Moses.

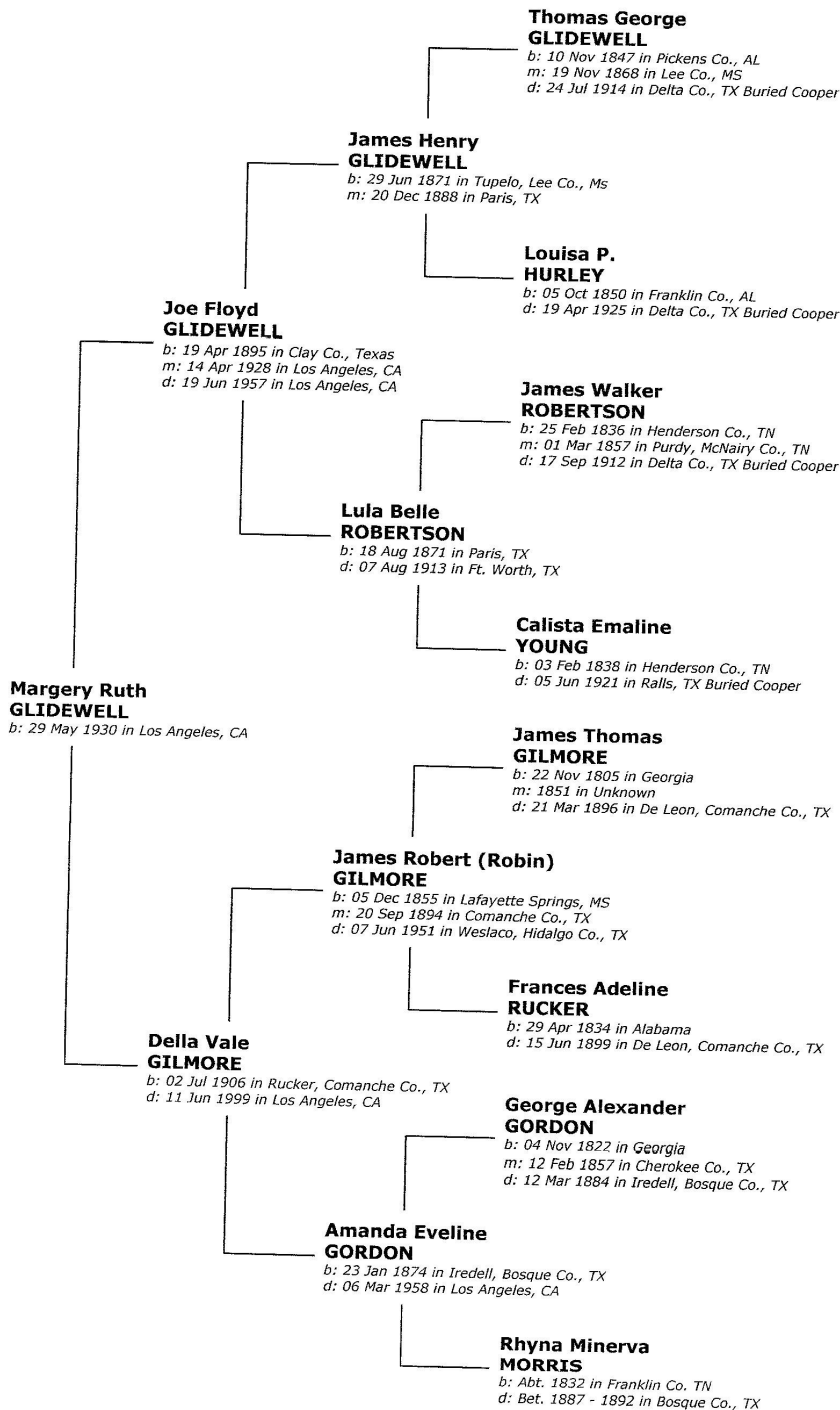
I have been doing a tree for the children of my former husband and have found more in 4 or 5 weeks that I have found on my line in 40 years. They lived in Mass & Vermont. I think the Civil War is the cause of much of that.

Again, please feel free to use anything that you like.

Sincerely,
Marge Glidewell

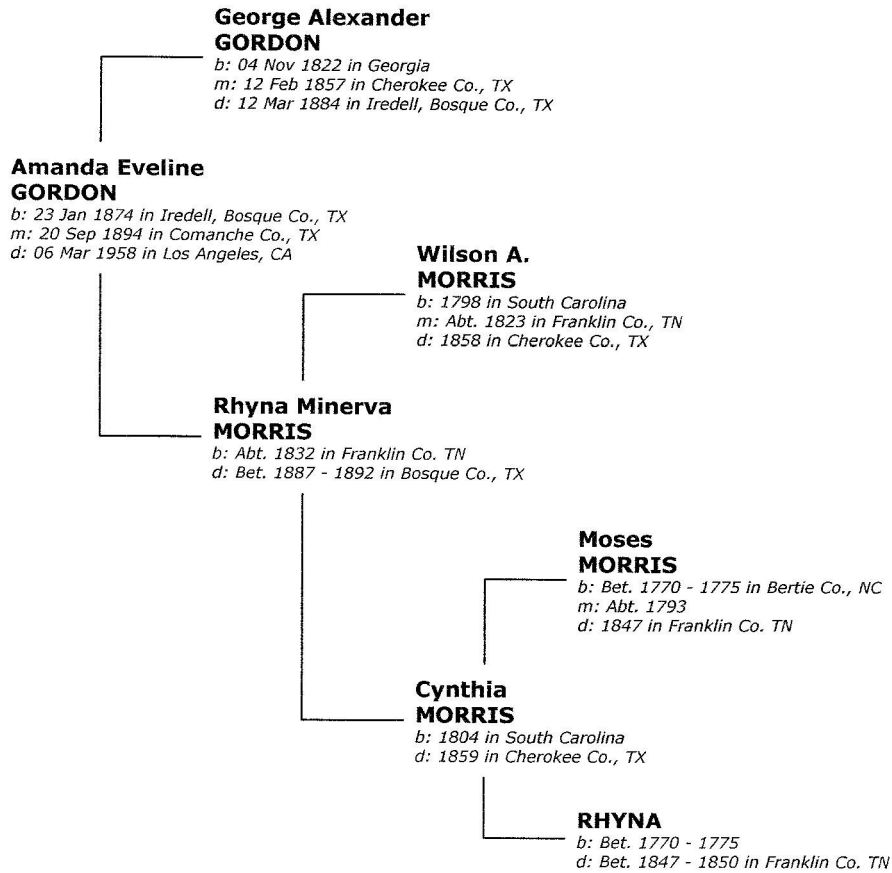
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Ancestors of Margery Ruth Glidewell



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Ancestors of Amanda Eveline Gordon



George Alexander Gordon Family

Family Group Sheet

Husband: George Alexander Gordon	
Born: 04 Nov 1822	in: Georgia
Married: 12 Feb 1857	in: Cherokee Co., TX
Died: 12 Mar 1884	in: Iredell, Bosque Co., TX
Other Spouses: Margaret Adeline Gray	
Wife: Rhyna Minerva Morris	
Born: Abt. 1832	in: Franklin Co. TN
Died: Bet. 1887 - 1892	in: Bosque Co., TX
Father: Wilson A. Morris	
Mother: Cynthia Morris	
Other Spouses: Unkown Fox	
CHILDREN	
1 F	Name: Mary Adeline Gordon Born: 06 Aug 1858 in: New Summerfield, Cherokee Co., TX Died: 21 Sep 1937 in: Spanish Ft., Montague Co., TX Married: 21 Oct 1875 in: Bosque Co., TX Spouse: John Kenneth Henry Brown
2 F	Name: Martha M. Gordon Born: Abt. 1860 in: Cherokee Co., TX Died: Aft. 20 Sep 1894 in: Indian Territory, OK Married: 22 Nov 1883 in: Bosque Co., TX Spouse: Alford Ballinger Garrison
3 M	Name: William Benjamin Gordon Born: 26 Feb 1863 in: Cherokee Co., TX Died: 05 Dec 1936 in: Thackerville, Love Co., OK Married: 14 Dec 1882 in: Bosque Co., TX Spouse: Mary E. Newton
4 F	Name: Cynthia Elizabeth Gordon Born: 10 Sep 1866 in: Cherokee Co., TX Died: 23 Feb 1908 in: Comanche Co., TX Married: 02 Dec 1883 in: Iredell, Bosque Co., TX Spouse: James W. Bagwell
5 F	Name: Amanda Eveline Gordon Born: 23 Jan 1874 in: Iredell, Bosque Co., TX Died: 06 Mar 1958 in: Los Angeles, CA Married: 20 Sep 1894 in: Comanche Co., TX Spouse: James Robert (Robin) Gilmore

Submitted by Marge Glidewell, 3010 W. Peninsula Dr. 3140, Moses Lake WA 98837
Email: mrglide@nctv.com, July 20, 2012.

Other researchers are: Nancy Taylor, ntaylor909@att.net

Judy Henley Phillips, P.O. Box 853, Tullahoma, TN 37388

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November 3, 1993
Prescott, Arizona

Mrs. Raymond Huttash
1502 South Jackson
Jacksonville, Texas 75766

Dear Mrs. Huttash:

I received my copy of Tree Talk and my query was listed, however the Gill should have been Gilmore. The Glidewell and the Gilmore are not relevant to this search.

My Great-Grandmother Mrs. Renee or Rhyna M. Fox and my Great-Grandfather George A. Gordon were married at Rusk Feb. 9, 1857. He came from Scott Co., Miss. between 1850 and 1857. His first wife's name was Margaret A. Gordon. I do not know if she died in Miss. or in Texas. They were listed in the 1860 census in Cherokee Co. and in the 1870 census in Bosque Co.

One of my aunts claims my Grandmother was Choctaw but my uncle has always said Grandma was Quapaw. If there was any Choctaw blood I think it would have been my Great-Grandfather as he was from thier part of the country and my Great-Grandmother listed her birth place as Tenn. When the white man came the Quapaw territory was at least close to Tenn. I have ordered a clearer copy of the 1880 census to determine where Rhyna's parents were born as the one I checked was blurred on the right side.

The only other thing I can think of to add is that I got a book from the college library on the Quapaw and it said there were Quapaw with Chief Bowles in Cherokee Co. I am primarily interested in information on her but of course anything you find on him would be welcome also.

I am sending some money for you to start. If you need more please let me know. Also, feel free to call me collect any time you need to.

Sincerely,

Margery Glidewell
Margery Glidewell

352nd Street
Prescott AZ 86303

*26 New Em.
32 Milton
55 Ann Chop.
56 Mc Don.
11 Rhyna Sp*
*Sarah Morris
12-1-1813 =
6-24-1897 wife of
Stephens*

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16 Nov 1993

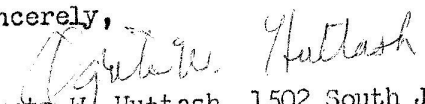
Suggestions to Margery Glidewell:

I'd think Wilson Morris died in Cherokee County, Texas between 1850 and 1859 because Cynthia Morris owned land here. A quick look over the deed index yesterday from 1846 - 1863 was negative. Remember deeds can be kept off record. There would be a deed when the estate was sold, surely. It might be quicker to run tax rolls 1850 to 1860. They are available on microfilm, and you could probably order them in. Or they are here at our library and in Tyler. [My eyes get tired now]
Depends on how detailed you want your search.

You might want George A. Gordon's Civil War records.

I hope you will be pleased with finding so many ancestors.

Sincerely,


Ogretta W. Huttash, 1502 South Jackson, Jacksonville TX 75766
16 November 1993

PS I asked for another page from the Mahala Morris Probate but the clerk forgot to copy it. It was what Gordon charged for her upkeep, schooling &c and was allowed by the court. It is not relevant to your search.

It just looks like Riney came with her parents to Cherokee County.

Oh, yes. I found a Wiley MORRIS on deed records and wondered if it were Wilson Morris. Q-7. It was really MARIS - and they lived in the same general area as your MORRIS. I think he was a doctor.

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Ogreta W. Huttash

to Margery Glidewell 15 Nov 93

RINEY MORRIS

[Spell her name as you wish, but it sounded like Riney.]

Riney Morris' first appearance is on the 1850 Federal Census of Nacitoches Parish, Louisiana, page 29, Residence 481/481.

Wilson Morris	52	born in S.C.	Farmer \$700
Synthia	46	"	"
Greenberry	21	Tennessee	"
Riney	18	"	"
Jason	17	"	"
Barbary	15	"	"
Stephen	13	"	"
Wilson	10	Louisiana	"
Mahala	5	"	"

Riney next appears on the records in Cherokee County, Texas when she married George A. Gordon: Mrs. Rinee M. Fox married him 12 February 1857, Book C page 311. Right above that in my book of marriages is where his son C. A. Gordon married Lucy Gill 6 September 1866, Book C2-28. They are the only male Gordons in the marriage records 1846-1880.

I checked at the courthouse yesterday, 15 November 1993, for the original marriage record. They begin in 1858 - none for 1857.

I tried for deed records on Riney and unknown Mr. Fox - results were: none found.

I checked for probate records if he died here and left property. none found.

Riney and husband are on the 1860 FC Cherokee County, Texas and they have a daughter:

#572 [this census numbered consecutively 1-1547, no pcts]			
GORDON, G.A.	37	Georgia	farmer
R. M.	28	Tennessee	
C. A.	15 m	Mississippi	
C. M.	13 f	"	
Mary A.	2	Texas	

Perhaps Riney is using the M. for Morris, no way to tell for sure. C. A. is the Charles A. who married Lucy Gill.

In 1860 there may be a clue. One other GORDON family is on the census:

#790			
GORDON, James	33	Alabama	farmer
Alcy	26	Tennessee	
E. S.	6 m	Texas	
M. D.	3 f	"	
S. E.	1 f	"	
GORDON, Mary	78	Tennessee	

Just keep Mary in mind as possible mother of George A. Gordon. In 1850 in Cherokee County, Texas

GORDON, James	21	Alabama	farmer
Mary	64	Virginia	
Mary	20	Alabama	

This Mary is probably the sister of James Gordon as one Mary Gordon married James Woods, Book A-196, 24 July 1851. They were out in Sardis Community, out from Rusk, where these settlers came from Edgefield District, South Carolina.

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Next record is in the estate settlement of Cynthia Morris. Helen Crawford has two death dates for her, but it was the latter part of 1859 as that is when G. A. Gordon asked to be guardian of Mahala Morris. See enclosed page from loose probate. Then he applied again in Feb. 1860. To try for a copy of the original signature of George A. Gordon I went to Box 83. The packet was empty with this notation:

"Cynthia Morris, deceased.

6-24-86. No papers found in this folder." [They were stolen, probably]

That was the date the clerks made new envelopes.

Back to Index to Probate Minutes.

BEN MORRIS. Box 84. 1893.

SILAS MORRIS AND CATHERINE MORRIS, both deceased. 1865. Drury Couch petitioned for letters of administration. Checked this out. In 1860 (census) #426

MORRIS, SILAS M. 64 m N.C.

Catherine 50 f Tennessee

This couple has been suggested as possible parents of several Morris people - not yours, in my opinion BUT probably relatives.

First thing on probate is in Minute Book J, page 468. W. L. Fox is already administrator and said he had occupied the late premises of said decedent and wanted the value of the rent appraised. Court appointed John Holt, Alfred Kennedy, and A. Tipton to do so. Rent was set at \$45 for the year 1861. NOTICE THIS.

page 469 shows that the land was sold 1st Tuesday in April 1861 for \$1.65 an acre, making \$256.

Then W L Fox was to pay 50¢ on the dollar, pro rate all claims against the estate. It looked like this

Total estate	
Debts	\$ 838.85
Credits	<u>668.45</u>

Total Balance
due Estate \$ 170.40

There were nine heirs.[To be named here later]

On the page I bought for you you will notice the estate could not be settled because G. A. Gordon owed the estate \$206 and he was away in the army and could not produce the voucher.

The nine heirs were named as

- 1) Nancy J. Fox wife of W. L. Fox, administrator
- 2) R. M. Gordon wife of G. A. Gordon
- 3) P _____ wife of Robert J. Hicks
- 4) Mahala Jay wife of C. P. Jay [married 1863]
- 5) Benjamin F. Morris of Kaufman County Texas
- 6) Greenberry Morris of Kaufman County, Texas

Following heirs in Nacitoches Parish, Louisiana

- 7) Caroline Fox, wife of G. W. Fox Jr.
- 8) Stephen Morris
- 9) Wilson Morris

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1850

Now back to Nacitoches Parish, Louisiana in an effort to find the name of the husband of Riney Morris. There were two fox families.

Page 2 [best clue - two unmarried males, Will & Thomas]

FOX, James	55	N.C.
Clarissa	50	S.C.
Will	23	Louisiana
Thomas	19	"
Sara	18	"
Allen	16	"
Martha	11	"
Clarissa	8	"

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FOX, W. L.	28	Alabama	
Nancy	25	Alabama	[this is Nancy Morris]
Sara	5	Louisiana	
Florida	7	"	(Florida came before Sara.oops)

Actually, W. L. could have been a son of James Fox.

You probably know Fox is French and often spelled FUCHS.

But you do not need that line as there were no children of Riney.

MORRIS from Nacitoches Parish LA 1850. There were three in index by AIS.

Page 29

MORRIS, Wilson	52	S C
Synthia	46	S C
Greenberry	21	Tennessee
Riney	18	"
Jason	17	"
Barbary	15	"
Stephen	13	"
Wilson	10	Louisiana
Mahala	5	"

page 32

MORRIS, W.	29	S.C.
Susan	21	N.C.
James	2	Louisiana

MORRIS, Jacob on page 64 was born in Indiana, age blurred,
Ginwrightk Lise Berson 34 LA, Mary Ann Devoch 50 born LA, and Alfred
GARNER 31 Georgia, farmer.

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1860 Texas Census

There is an Emily in Navarro County page 205 - no time to run.

Benjamin F. and Greenberry were in Kaufman County in 1860.

#127/198 Page 033

MORRIS, G. B.	29	Tennessee
Sarah	35	"
Francis M.	3	m Texas
Christopher C	2	m "
Pinkney H	9/12	m "

#529 Page 061

MORRIS, Benjamin	35	Tennessee
Catharine	35	"
William	13	"
Elizabeth	11	"
Andrew	8	"
Cynthia A	6	"
Nancy	2	Texas
Harris	2/12	Texas

I don't know about Benjamin or whether it is accurate. Page 61 is Prairieville. There is a C. J. Fox and family and a Dr. J. Fox from Connecticut age 60.

Above Benjamin age 35 would have been born ca 1825. There is no Benjamin in the household of Wilson Morris in 1850 in Nacitoches Parish. Perhaps he stayed in Tennessee when Wilson Morris moved into Louisiana around 1840.

You need to run the 1840 FC on Wilson Morris.

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1502 South Jackson
Jacksonville, Texas 75766
17 November 1993

Margery Glidewell
333 West Leroux F-6
Prescott, Arizona 86303

Dear Margery,

After I mailed your report and did a few more things – and while it was on my mind – I went to the library and ran the tax rolls on microfilm for 1857, 1858, 1859 – and tried 1860 but it was just too hard to read on that machine. Results were excellent.

In 1857 Wilson Morris was taxpayer 581. He owned 160 acres in T. Carlton Survey, value 4400, and one negro, value \$800. His taxable property was, therefore, \$1200 for which he paid \$1.80 state tax and 90 cents county tax.

In 1858 he owned the same, only the original grantee looked more like S C Carlton.

In 1859 Cynthia Morris rendered 160 acres in J C Carlton survey, one negro valued \$800. Taxes were about the same all the way.

You've already noticed that the original grantee should be the same. Not knowing what it really was, I copied what it looked like. It is not that important.

What is important is that you now have a date of death for Wilson Morris, 1858. You can use tax rolls as proof.

Our probate records are in great disorder or something like that. Index is incomplete, was copied. But I expect if you need further information, a search of the deed records is all that is left. The reason I mention probate records is that the death date of Cynthia Morris was not on record – but could be in another book if another index shows up. Original papers are gone, as I said. But the fact that xxxxxx applied for guardianship of Mahala Morris in December 1859 is close enough.

Sincerely,

Ogreta W. Huttash s/s Ogreta W. Huttash

PS Earla Clifton said they owned part of one of the Gordon tracts of land – and she knew about both of them! She is on the historical commission. Great person – just hard hearing.

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- He applied Dec. 1857 - and Feb. 1860 - same woman.

The State of Texas } In County Court for Probate
County of Cherokee } Business Over Term AD 1857

The State of Texas } In County Court for Probate
County of Cherokee } Business February Term 1860

To the honorable A. J. Coupland Chief Justice
of said County your petitioner G. A. Gordon
respectfully represents to your honor that Miss Mahal
Morris minor heir of Cynthia Morris deed has no
lawfully appointed guardian and that she much
needs one for the purpose of protecting her person
and Estate as well as to attend to seeing that she
be educated petitioner further States that he is
a brother in law of the said minor,

therefore prays
that your honor appoint him the guardian
of her person and estate at your February
Term, and as in duty bound he will
ever pray &c G. A. Gordon

Loose papers - copy of actual signature
of G. A. Gordon

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New Salem, Texas 21st Feb 1869

This is to certify that I have rendered
 amount of ~~Twenty~~ ^{Twenty} dollars worth of Medical
 services for Mahala Morris ward of J. A. Gordon
 in the year 1869.

This above is correct to the best of my
 recollection as she was treated together with
 several other cases at the same time
 R. A. C. Shotton


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OGRETA W. HUTTASH
 1502 SOUTH JACKSON PH. 903-586-4362
 JACKSONVILLE, TEXAS 75766

15 Nov 1993 88-327
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Ogreta W. Huttash

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Have You Really Proved Your Ancestry?

By Mary Harrell=Sesniak

Researchers often feel they've proved ancestry because they located family in one or more online trees.

But tying into a database doesn't suffice as proof. For that, you need to verify an author's sources and references - whether they are from original or derivative documents - and whether they can be treated as primary or secondary sources.

Original vs. Derivative Documents

The first term is easy, as original records must be original and not copies. Examples are birth, marriage and death certificates created by attending physicians or officiates, any hand-written or original typed document / letter and first time photographs, which are not scans or reprints.

Derivatives imply that documents came from (e. g., were derived from) other sources. This applies to, but is not limited to, abstracts, articles, scans, copies, transcriptions, family histories, card files and online databases.

Derivatives can establish viable evidence of ancestry, but only

1. if citations are accessible for examination
2. if they are not too many steps removed from the original -- such as a fact referring to a reference which was not verified (e. g., a copy of a copy of a copy)

Rule of thumb:

Any document, database or citation which is one or more steps removed from the original, must be evaluated as to whether the intermediary author examined the original or a reliable reference referring to the original.

This doesn't mean we should discount all online data. Just treat it as possible leads (not proof), and find source documents for verification. After all, most of us would not be able to pursue so much of our ancestry, without these valuable clues.

Primary vs. Secondary Sources

Primary sources are those created close to the time of an event, assuming the originator had the proper expertise and authority to create it. Some examples are:

- birth, marriage and death certificates
- maps

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- artifacts, such as military badges
- commemorative plaques
- certain ephemera (e. g., playbills, advertisements)

Secondary sources are all those created after an event, including:

- delayed birth registrations
- abstracts, summaries, etc.
- tombstones
- obituaries

Some documents have both primary and secondary elements, depending upon the information. For example, a passenger manifest is a primary document in regards to the details of the voyage, but a secondary source for birth dates, addresses, etc. The same issue relates to birth dates on tombstones, which are always secondary. And depending upon when the monument was erected (or replaced), a death date can be secondary.

Diaries, whereby events were recorded on a day by day basis, are considered primary, but an author's memory of the past is secondary.

And a dilemma exists in regard to Bible records, whereby the author and date of the entry is uncertain. As a result, many lineage societies note whether a title page with publication date is available, and whether the handwriting and ink changes from item to item.

One might think that original documents are always primary sources - and that derivatives are always secondary. But in reality, it is possible for either type to be primary or secondary. For example,

- A hand-written letter discussing family births is an original document, but the source is secondary, since it occurred after the original events.
- A film created of an original document (such as those made by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints) is a derivative treated as a primary source, since the copy is a reliable representation of the original.

Preponderance of the Evidence vs. the Genealogical Proof Standard

The final step in proving ancestry lies in the Genealogical Proof Standard (GPS).

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Until recently, researchers cited evidence based upon the legal principle of preponderance of the evidence - meaning that if definitive proof documents could not be located, and if all evidence pointed in the right direction, then a lineage or relationship was accepted as true.

But there are numerous examples of why this might not be true. In my own ancestry, there were three William Harrells, recorded on early census records in Wythe Co., Virginia. A logical assumption might be that they were kin, given that they shared names and lived in the same vicinity. But DNA studies imply that they share a more distant relationship, despite the preponderance of the evidence.

Although certification is not a requirement for proving ancestry, you may wish to review the five elements of the GPS, established by the Board for Certification of Genealogists (BCG). <http://www.bcgcertification.org/resources/standard.html> They recommend that a strong genealogical proof should include:

- a reasonably exhaustive search;
- complete and accurate source citations;
- analysis and correlation of the collected information;
- resolution of any conflicting evidence; and
- a soundly reasoned, coherently written conclusion.

As you search through records on RootsWeb, and other sites, keep in mind that you can't be sure of the information until you have seen the evidence. Happy sleuthing!

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GEDCOM Tags -- what they are and how to decipher them

By Joan Young

If you have used genealogy software to create a family tree on your computer or you have created a tree online, you are probably aware that you can share your tree data with others who use a different software program because of a file called a GEDCOM (GEnealogical Data COMmunication). You can read more about GEDCOMs at: <http://rwguide.rootsweb.ancestry.com/lesson3.htm>.

Genealogy software programs are databases and, as such, they arrange the information you input into fields. Each program does this using its own proprietary format. These formats are not compatible with one another. You wouldn't be able to share your trees with people who use other programs were it not for GEDCOMs. Understanding how the insides of a GEDCOM work will help you understand why your file shows up in each program the way it does.

A GEDCOM is nothing more than a plain text file comprised of all the information you input into your genealogy file. You can open a GEDCOM in WordPad or any text editor. However, you may not be able to easily decipher the text when you attempt to read it in that manner.

Think of the file content as being like an outline, where the indented lines explain the line above them. The numbers at the beginning of each line may be considered to be the number of indentations or tabs from the left of the page in a standard outline format. Thus a line beginning with the number 2 would contain details about the first line beginning with number 1 immediately above it.

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If you were to open a GEDCOM file in any text editor such as Windows WordPad you would see the four digit tags followed by the data assigned to each tag. GEDCOMs begin with "0 HEAD" and end with "0 TRLR" with the information or fields in between.

The beginning of the GEDCOM:

o HEAD

The body of the GEDCOM contains entries as shown below in WordPad. (The text shows the source software and the file name and location on your computer followed by each entry):

1 SOUR FTW

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1 SEXF

1 BIRT

2 DATE 19 MAY 1868

2 PLAC Salem County, NJ
2 SOUR birth certificate
1 DEAT

2 DATE 28 APR 1949
2 PLAC Trenton, NJ

2 SOUR death certificate
2 CAUS arteriosclerosis

Each entry continues in a format like the one above and the GEDCOM ends with:

O TRLR

Understanding GEDCOM tags and how to read a raw GEDCOM helps you to know which fields you want to include a GEDCOM you plan to post online, or in the case of the RootsWeb's WorldConnect where you have the option not to display certain information you wish to keep private, which fields you wish to remove.

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